

do something about protecting these clinics.

Mr. President, today I am submitting legislation calling on the Attorney General to take all necessary measures to protect reproductive health care clinics and their staff from violent attack.

I know that many of my colleagues are as shocked as I am about the ongoing terror and violence directed at our Nation's family planning clinics. That is why I am pleased that my legislation has bipartisan support.

In 1994 there were over 130 incidents nationwide of violence or harassment directed at clinics and the people who work there. They include 50 reports of death threats to doctors and other clinic workers, 40 incidents of vandalism, 16 incidents of stalking, 4 acts of arson and 3 attempted bombings.

Tragically, since the murder of Dr. David Gunn in March, 1993 outside of the Pensacola Women's Health Clinic there have been four additional slayings at clinics.

In July, 1994 Dr. John Britton and his escort Jim Barret were shot to death at The Ladies' Center in Pensacola, FL. Mr. Barret's wife was injured.

On December 30, Shannon Lowney and Leanne Nichols were shot and killed while working at reproductive health care clinics in Massachusetts. Five others were wounded. A day later the gunman fired shots at another clinic in Virginia.

The resolution I am submitting today urges the Attorney General to use all of the tools at her disposal to stop this escalating violence, including the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act which we passed last year, the FBI and the U.S. Marshals Service.

I urge my colleagues to join me in working to protect our Nation's reproductive health care clinics from violent attack.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, the murderous assaults at two clinics in Brookline, Massachusetts last week were despicable acts of terrorism. This kind of vicious, hateful assault against women and health care providers cannot be tolerated in any community in America.

Two women who worked at the Brookline clinics, Shannon Lowney and Lee Ann Nichols, had their lives brutally cut short. Five other people were seriously wounded, and four of them are still hospitalized. My heart goes out to these victims and their families.

No effort can be spared to make sure that these crimes are not repeated anywhere else. Women must be able to seek reproductive health care without fear of violent assault. Doctors should be able to practice their profession without wearing bullet-proof vests. Clinic staff should be able to go to work each day in safety.

Abortion is a constitutionally protected right, and it must be safe and accessible. Many of the clinics targeted by violence and obstruction provide a

wide range of health care services for women, including family planning and prenatal care. We cannot allow access to these important services to be reduced or blocked.

Last year, we passed and President Clinton signed the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act. That law gives the Attorney General the tools she needs to prevent violence and obstruction and to punish such acts whenever and wherever they occur with the full force of Federal law. The Justice Department has already brought several enforcement actions under this law, and it is actively investigating other possible violations. In addition, the Attorney General has made U.S. Marshals available to protect clinics.

Some have suggested that the new Federal law is somehow responsible for fomenting violence at abortion clinics, because it allegedly closes off peaceful picketing as an outlet for those with strongly held views against abortion. Any such suggestion is nonsense.

The clinic access law does not prohibit or punish peaceful picketing or any other expression protected by the first amendment. On the contrary, it expressly allows it. What the act prohibits is violent, threatening, obstructive, or destructive conduct—none of which has ever been protected by the Constitution. For that reason, every one of the Federal courts that have been asked to review the law since President Clinton signed it last year has upheld it.

Tough laws against clinic blockades and clinic violence are not the problem. They are the solution.

I commend President Clinton and Attorney General Reno for their vigorous enforcement of the new Federal law, and for their commitment to work with local law enforcement authorities to protect the clinics throughout the country. They are doing everything in their power to guarantee public safety and deter the use of violent tactics aimed at patients and providers.

I am proud to join in sponsoring this legislation. The Senate must go on record unequivocally to denounce the violence, and to express our solid support for vigorous enforcement and implementation of the Federal clinic protection law. I hope that every Member of the Senate will join in supporting this important measure.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 32—MAKING MINORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS TO SENATE COMMITTEES

Mr. DASCHLE submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 32

*Resolved*, That the following shall constitute the minority party's membership on the committees for the One Hundred and Fourth Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

Committee on the Budget: Mr. Exon, Mr. Hollings, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Simon, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Sarbanes, Mrs. Boxer, and Mrs. Murray.

Committee on Rules and Administration: Mr. Ford, Mr. Pell, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Moynihan, Mr. Dodd, and Mrs. Feinstein.

Committee on Small Business: Mr. Bumpers, Mr. Nunn, Mr. Levin, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Kerry (MA), Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Wellstone, Mr. Heflin, and Mr. Lautenberg.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Graham, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Dorgan.

Special Committee on Aging: Mr. Pryor, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Reid, Mr. Kohl, Mr. Feingold, and Ms. Moseley-Braun.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 33—MAKING MAJORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS TO SENATE COMMITTEES

Mr. DOLE submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 33

*Resolved*, That the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on those Senate committees listed below for the 104th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

Budget: Mr. Domenici, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Nickles, Mr. Gramm, Mr. Bond, Mr. Lott, Mr. Brown, Mr. Gorton, Mr. Gregg, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Abraham, and Mr. Frist.

Rules and Administration: Mr. Stevens, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Helms, Mr. Warner, Mr. Dole, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Santorum, and Mr. Nickles.

Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Simpson, Mr. Murkowski, Mr. Specter, Mr. Thurmond, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Craig, and Mr. Brown.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 34—AMENDING RULE XXV OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Mr. DOLE submitted the following resolution, which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 34

*Resolved*, That Rule XXV, paragraph 3(a) of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended as follows:

Strike the figure after "Budget" and insert in lieu thereof "22".

Strike the figure after "Small Business" and insert in lieu thereof "19".

SEC. 2. That Rule XXV, paragraph 3(b) of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended as follows:

Strike the figure after "Aging" and insert in lieu thereof "19".

Strike the figure after "Intelligence" and insert in lieu thereof "17".

SEC. 3. That Rule XXV, paragraph 3(c) of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended as follows:

Strike the figure after "Indian Affairs" and insert in lieu thereof "17".

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 35—MAKING MAJORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS TO SENATE COMMITTEES

Mr. DOLE submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 35

*Resolved*, That the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on the following Senate committee for the 104th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

Small Business: Mr. Bond, Mr. Pressler, Mr. Burns, Mr. Mack, Mr. Coverdell, Mr.